

## NEWS WRITERS MAKE APPEALS FOR CHARLTON IN COMO COURT

Interpreter's Inefficiency So  
Apparent American Corres-  
pondents Intercede on Be-  
half of Prisoner.

Wife-Slayer Tells Italian Judge  
Ignorance of Language  
Makes Proper Defense Im-  
possible For Him.

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COMO, Italy, Oct. 19.—Porter  
Charlton, wife slayer, was a pitiful figure in court today.

He did his best to answer in Italian the judge's questions concerning details of the murder story he told yesterday, but, although he spent much of his time in prison studying the language, he was far from possessing the fluency necessary to presentation of an adequate defense.

The interpreter's inefficiency accentuated his distress to such an extent that some of the American correspondents interceded for him with the court.

### IN DRAMATIC APPEAL.

At one time Charlton himself made a pathetic and dramatic appeal for the judge's consideration, dwelling on the handicap he was under through the tongue's strangeness to him, his inability to express subtle shades of legal differences, and his unfamiliarity with the Italian tribunal's methods of procedure.

Then he sat down hopelessly. Throughout the whole trial thus far his manner has been one of almost insupportable suffering and of anxiety to get the proceedings over as speedily as possible. His nerves were strung evidently to the extreme tension, and physically he seemed at the point of complete collapse.

A post card was handed to him during the hearing today, and, though he did not make its contents public, he appeared greatly affected by it.

The attitude of President Sforza, or of the court, has been one of the utmost kindness and sympathy toward the prisoner from the beginning of the trial. He has rendered all the help possible to Charlton in his linguistic difficulties, and the general belief today was that his charge to the jury would be a favorable one.

The trial's close was looked for about the end of the week.

Most of the testimony has been taken behind closed doors. It has been believed, however, besides the regular court officials and attendants, by three elegantly dressed women concerned behind a partition which cuts off a corner of the courtroom.

## "INTENT" IS ISSUE IN NEW HAVEN CASE

Whole of Trial For Alleged Conspiracy, Hinges On Little Expression.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—On the little word "intent" hangs the success or failure of the Government's anti-trust suit against the New Haven directors. It became evident today from statements of lawyers on both sides.

"The intent of the defendants is not to be measured alone by results, but as well by the means used in bringing about these results," declared R. L. Batts, special attorney for the Government.

"We will show the New Haven directors intended to benefit, not to destroy the commerce and transportation of New England," asserted R. L. Batts, of counsel for the indicted directors.

It is expected to take three months to thresh out the issue of "intent," but the whole case hinges on that point. Today Government Attorney Batts continued his opening address.

## Two Men Meet Death In Head-On Collision

CHICKASHA, Okla., Oct. 19.—Two men were instantly killed, another is missing and three were injured, one fatally, when a southbound Rock Island passenger train collided head-on with a fast freight at Azawam, thirteen miles south of here today.

## We're Hyphenless, Say Seligman

New Yorkers Outline in Piquant  
Language Their Opinion of  
Staats-Zeitung Article.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The Staats-Zeitung Saturday printed the names of several firms of German name, among them that of "J. & W. Seligman & Co." in a mourning border on its front page, because the firm subscribed to the Anglo-French loan. The Seligman firm has sent the following letter to the editor of the Staats-Zeitung:

"Dear Sir:—We repeat for your benefit what we thought we had made abundantly clear in our statement to the press on September 20, namely, that we are not Germans, nor yet German-Americans, but that we are unqualified, unadvised Americans. While not readers of the Staats-Zeitung, we are under the impression that there was no mourning border in the middle of your front page when American children and American women entitled to the sympathy and protection of their country were together with their fathers, husbands, and brothers, deliberately and heartlessly murdered by the sinking of the Lusitania."

"The black mourning border you seem to have reserved for American bankers seeking to render a disinterested service to their country by helping to keep its industries going through credits to its foreign customers. 'Your front page as you selected for the mourning border including our firm name in your issue of October 16.'"

## N. J. SUFFRAGISTS CLAIM 25,000 LEAD

With President Wilson at Head,  
Voters of State Cast Ballots  
Today.

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 19.—Headed by Woodrow Wilson, all New Jersey will march to the polls today and vote whether to put the State in the suffrage ranks.

Conservative judges say the election is going to be close. Suffragists say they will win by 25,000. Antis declare the measure will be defeated by "a large majority."

All night long, suffragists carried the battle to the voters. From a huge van in Newark, Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, Mrs. John Winters Brannan and Mrs. John Rogers, Jr. worked in relays, and when dawn slipped in from the east, the speeches were still going on and the crowd still surging under the wagon.

### Whirlwind Finish.

The finish was a whirlwind of eleven-hour appeals. Suffrage leaders said today that 400 speakers all over the State were advocating suffrage in meetings that ran far into the night. It was a twenty-four-hour continuous talking finish.

More gallantry and courtesy is probably in evidence about the polling booths in this State today than ever before in the history of a New Jersey election. The reason for the new atmosphere is the presence in many places of suffrage "watchers," officially designated for this duty as a result of the social act passed at the last session of the legislature providing that both sides of the equal suffrage battle might post representative at each polling booth.

Indications from the number of ballots cast in Trenton up until noon are that the total vote will reach the average at least a fourth of the election. In every voting district in the capital of the State this evening between 5 and 7 o'clock the suffrage watchers will make a final rally to bring to the polls those of their known friends on the check lists whom they find have not as yet voted.

That the country vote, regarded to be aligned with the proponents of suffrage, would turn out in great strength, thus making the chances of success for the amendment, was expected by a result of the almost ideal weather conditions prevailing throughout the State.

Around Essex, Atlantic, and Essex counties, the fight is being hardest. In these counties are the big manufacturing centers, a large percentage of the foreign population, and the most complete political organization. If Essex county can be carried, suffragists declare, the rest of the State will be easy.

## MASSIE QUILTS JOB AS PROBATION OFFICER

Resignation Gives Ill Health As  
Reason For Giving Up Police  
Court Post.

Charles A. Massie, for the past fifteen years serving as probation officer in the Police Court, resigned today because of ill health. The resignation was accepted by Judge James Pugh and Alexander Mulhoney, who in view of the fact that the officer has foregone his yearly vacations, consented to permit him to leave the service at once and make the resignation effective November 20, a month hence. Miss Estelle Foster, assistant probation officer, will handle all probation matters of the two Police Courts until a successor to Mr. Massie is appointed.

Mr. Massie has been chief probation officer since the passage of the act of Congress creating the office near four years ago. He has been at that time he served as representative of the Prisoners' Aid, a charitable organization giving assistance to first offenders and worthy cases. The office pays \$1,500 a year, and the term of service is two years. The appointment is made by the presiding judge in the Police Courts.

New No. 31—To Asheville.  
"Land of the Sky" leaves Washington daily 2 p. m. effective Oct. 24. Southern Railway. Get dinner on the diner. Consult agents, 701 15th, 911 G sts. N. W. Adv.

New Train—Augusta Special.  
To Alton and Augusta leaves Washington 2 p. m. daily, effective Oct. 24. Have dinner on the diner. Southern Railway. Consult Agents—Adv.

## NAVY WORKERS LOSE IN FIGHT FOR MORE PAY

Secretary Daniels Refuses to  
Grant Machinists' Plea For  
Increase.

### STRIKE THREATS FEARED

Formal Refusal Sent to N. P.  
Alifas, President of District  
Union.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today announced his decision in regard to the increase of pay over the October 9 scale asked by the machinists of the Washington Navy Yard.

The Secretary declined to accede to the proposals of the machinists, who asked to be put on the same rating as the tool makers. This would have meant for the first three ratings of machinists an increase of 8 cents a day over the October 9 scale or of 32 cents over the scale in force prior to that time.

### Writes To Alifas.

The decision of Secretary Daniels is embodied in a letter to N. P. Alifas, president of District Lodge, No. 44, International Association of Machinists.

Whether the announcement of the Secretary will cause trouble in the yard and a recurrence of strike threats is not known at the department. It is realized this may be the effect.

### Daniels' Letter.

Referring to your several communications and to your various personal calls at the department in regard to the pay of machinists at the Washington Navy Yard, I have given this question very careful thought and study.

As you know, the board of wages made a thorough inquiry into the matter of wages paid by private establishments and Government arsenals engaged upon ordnance work. The board's recommendations were submitted only after a careful study of the situation.

In regard to toolmakers, it is found that this rating is held separate from the rating of machinists at all navy yards and I would not feel warranted in abolishing the rating of toolmaker at Washington and substituting the rating of machinist there at the rates of pay carried for toolmakers.

## BAN ON "COUNTRY STORE" IS ORDERED

Major Pullman Issues Order  
That Theaters Must Stop  
Prize Offers.

"Country Stores" and all other devices where prizes of any kind are given by virtue of the purchase of tickets to games of amusement were today placed under the police ban by Major Pullman.

Following a conference with Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given, he issued an order to the captains of every precinct in Washington, which reads: "Notify all theaters, motion picture parks, and other places in your precinct running so-called 'Country Stores,' or any device or plan where prizes of any kind are given by virtue of the purchase of tickets, that if anything along this line is done tonight the police will take action."

The captains will see that no country store enterprises of this sort are allowed to operate after this warning which should be given this afternoon.

Believing the order promulgated by Major Pullman to be many complaints, according to him as well as many violations of the lottery law, in the opinion of the Assistant District Attorney.

### President Is Invited To Hebrew Celebration

President Wilson received today from Rabbi Abram Simon of the Washington Hebrew Congregation an invitation to attend the sixtieth anniversary celebration of the congregation, December 25, at the synagogue on Eighth street.

## U. S. ACCEPTS CARRANZA AS MEXICO RULER

Secretary Lansing Sends For-  
mal Note to Arredondo,  
Informing Him of Action.

### NO DECISION ON EMBARGO

Constitutionalist Agent Here to  
Go Home to Present Recog-  
nition Papers.

"I take pleasure in informing Mr. Arredondo that the Government of the United States has determined to recognize the de facto government of Mexico, of which General Carranza is chief executive, and that the Government of the United States is prepared to receive a diplomatic representative, and as soon as possible, to send one from this country to Mexico."

The foregoing is the note sent today by Secretary Lansing to Eusebio Arredondo, Carranza's representative in Washington. Similar notes were sent to Mr. Arredondo by the ambassadors from Argentina, Brazil, and Chile, and the ministers from Bolivia, Ecuador, and Guatemala.

### Going To Mexico.

Later in the day Secretary Lansing had a conference with Mr. Arredondo, who informed him that he was leaving the United States for Mexico the latter part of this week to convey the note of recognition personally to General Carranza.

Secretary Lansing let it be known today that no decision has been reached yet as to when the embargo on arms and munitions would be set up. He indicated that this action would take the form of a proclamation by the President of a general embargo, excepting to be made, however, in favor of the Carranza government.

It is expected that the American Red Cross will resume its relief work in localities in Mexico, where food and clothing still obtain, but that the work will be done in cooperation with the Carranza officials.

For the present, Mr. Lansing indicated, no steps will be taken to announce to Carranza the lifting of the foreign claims. Until this is done it is probable that the United States will continue to maintain the embargo in gold which the United States collected in customs at Vera Cruz during the American occupation. This money has been held on deposit at the treasury at New Orleans.

### No Confirmation Received.

The State and War departments today were without confirmation of the reported attack by Mexican bandits on a railroad train near Brownsville.

According to information received today from reliable quarters Carranza in the near future will assume the role of provisional president and issue a call for municipal elections throughout the territory under Carranza's control. The elections will be held probably in December.

In January, it is expected, he will issue a call for the election of a permanent president, which will assemble after the holding of the Presidential election in the United States.

President Carranza will be at the head of affairs and will seek to obtain from the United States the recognition and other reforms for which the revolution was fought.

In view of the staggering total of foreign claims against Mexico known out of the revolution, it is anticipated that Carranza will be offered and will accept the financial aid of the United States in making the necessary arrangements to meet these claims. As yet he has shown no disposition to repudiate those incurred by the revolution.

## MEXICANS WRECK TRAIN AT BORDER

Remove Rail From Track in  
Texas and Shoot Down Pas-  
sengers, Killing Two.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Oct. 19.—Two men were killed and four wounded when Mexican bandits attacked a southbound passenger train on the St. Louis, Brownsville, and Mexico railroad, after wrecking it near here last night.

Four infantry companies and two cavalry troops were sent to the scene today.

The dead are:  
H. H. Kendall, engineer, and an American cavalryman, identity unknown.

The engineer was shot through the abdomen and will die. Harry Wallis and P. E. Horan, the conductor, were wounded.

## ORGANIC ACT HEARING OPENS TOMORROW

Sessions Probably Will Be Held  
in Office of Senator Chilton  
Chairman.

### MAY FINISH WITHIN MONTH

Fate of Half-and-Half Likely To  
Be Decided By Congressional  
Committee.

The "half-and-half" investigation, ordered by Congress last March in an attempt to end the continual wrangle regarding the equity of the arrangement whereby the Federal Government contributes one-half of the expenses of the District of Columbia, will begin at the Capitol tomorrow.

The hearings, scheduled to start at 10 a. m. tomorrow, probably will be held in the offices of Senator Chilton, chairman of the investigating committee, although larger quarters will be obtained if the attendance demands.

### Ready To Defend Half-and-Half.

Chairman Henry B. McFarland and the other members of the executive committee of the joint citizens' committee, are ready to defend the existing half-and-half plan, and the first document considered by the congressional inquiry board will be a long-page brief filed by the citizens' committee. This brief is signed by Mr. McFarland, A. S. Worthington, Theodore N. Snyders, Corcoran, Thom, J. J. Callahan, and Edward P. Calladay.

The brief is to be supplemented by oral arguments on behalf of the citizens' committee. Other briefs filed will be by Herbert J. Browne, in opposition to the half-and-half arrangement, and by Dr. A. J. McKelway, the latter urging a measure of self-government for the District. Mr. Browne's brief, as summarized in The Times last Sunday, argues that if District property were adequately taxed a Federal contribution would be unnecessary.

### Would Shorten Hearings.

It is not the desire of the Congressional inquiry committee to prolong the hearings on the half-and-half controversy. It was broadly intimated when the committee held its first meeting last spring that volunteer witnesses reflecting only individual views would be discouraged, and it was desired to have the several local factions present their views through regularly accredited spokesmen. These spokesmen, it was said, would be given full opportunity to be heard, but the committee seeks co-operation in shortening the hearings as much as possible.

In view of this attitude, it is thought the committee will finish its labors within a month and will be ready at the opening of Congress to report to the two houses of Congress. The fate of the half-and-half plan probably will be decided by this committee, as the two houses are likely to follow the recommendations made.

### Commissioners May Appear.

While not volunteering to take part in the investigation, the District Commissioners will present their views to the inquiry committee if it desires. The records at the Municipal Building have been placed at the disposal of the committee.

The half-and-half investigation will be conducted by Senators Chilton, McFarland, and Worthington, and by Mr. McFarland, Mr. Chilton, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Snyders, Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Thom, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Calladay, Mr. Browne, Mr. McKelway, and Mr. Cooper. It is not believed there will be a further postponement of the hearings, which were to have begun September 13.

## TWO FREIGHT TRAINS HELD UP BY BANDITS

Bandits Rob Eleven Cars on  
West Shore Line "45 Min-  
utes From Broadway."

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Reverberating, sharp echoes peered through black masks' commands of "Up!" rang out and two West Shore freight trains were held up and robbed in true "Wild West" fashion, early today.

The "forty-five minutes from Broadway" train was the first to be held up.

But for the quick thinking of the engineer of an express train, which was following the freight, a great sum in cash, jewelry, and other valuables might have been taken by the bandits who endeavored to make a double haul. The express is reported to have been carrying a large sum of money from the treasury, and authorities believe the bandits thought they were stopping this train.

The freight train was held up near Haverstraw, and eleven of the cars looted.

After disconnecting the signal wires at the east end of the Haverstraw tunnel, making it necessary for the trains to proceed slowly, the hold-up men halted two freight trains.

Saying the red signal, the express engineer, Nolan, slowed down. Then he caught sight of the bandits on the track ahead. Nolan threw his throttle wide open. The express dashed forward, but one of the robbers grasped the hand grip on the tender. Nolan seized a shovel and hit him across the knuckles, when the bandit let go and dropped to the ground. The train sped out of danger.

## British Leaders Who Have Vacated Posts



Above—SIR IAN HAMILTON, recalled from Dardanelles, and, below, SIR EDWARD CARSON, who has resigned his cabinet position.

## FALL OF BRITISH CABINET FORECAST

General Election Is Facing  
England—Lloyd-George Ex-  
plains Situation.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—"Can the Asquith cabinet last?" all England is asking today.

That there have been differences among the ministers concerning many of the war's gravest problems has been known for some time. Sir Edward Carson's resignation as attorney general emphasized them so sharply that many politicians looked for the whole administration to speedily fall.

Announcement today that Premier Asquith is so ill as to necessitate several days' complete rest strengthened this feeling. Of the genuineness of the premier's illness no doubt is felt. It is recalled, however, that just such a previous announcement was the forerunner of the resignation of Asquith as foreign minister in France.

On one hand, strong pressure is being brought to prevent wholesale resignations by the ministers, as this would necessitate a national election, and it is generally felt that the present is no time for such a feat.

On the other hand, the assertion is made that an increasingly violent prosecution of the war alone can prevent such a development, however inopportune the time may be.

The most effective method for Italy to co-operate with the British and French in the Balkans is being considered by the allies. Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George told the house of commons today.

The minister, speaking for Premier Asquith, said it was not yet possible to name a day for the promised government statement concerning the government's Dardanelles policy.

## RECORDS BROKEN BY PAST WEEK EXPORTS

The heaviest week's exports in the nation's history were shipped from American ports last week, an official report by the Department of Commerce today shows. The aggregate of exports from thirteen customs districts, from which weekly reports are received, was \$3,094,453, which is \$600,000 higher than the total of two weeks ago, when the former high mark was reached.

## SERBS HOLD AS ALLIES AIM TO STRIKE AT TURK CAPITAL

Austro-Germans and Bulgarians  
Gain Ground Slowly With  
Heavy Losses As Franco-  
British Advance in South.

Enos Expected to Become Base  
For Operations Against Con-  
stantinople—Germans Con-  
centrate in Vosges.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 19.—British submarines today torpedoed the German steamships Pernambuco and Soderhamn in the Baltic, sinking the former vessel.

The Soderhamn, wood-burner, was kept up by its cargo. The Pernambuco carried ore.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The Serbs are putting out their last ounce of strength to delay the Austro-German drive from the northward toward Constantinople and to repulse the Bulgarian invasion from the east.

Dispatches refer to the presence of aged men, of many women and of children on the Serb fighting lines.

These lines are giving ground under Austro-German pressure, but only bit by bit. Every foot of the invaders' progress is being resisted. The broken country favors the Serbs. They are admittedly losing heavily, but the German and Austrian losses are declared to be proportionately far heavier.

### FIGHT FOR RAILROAD.

Accounts conflict as to developments in the Serb-Bulgarian campaign. The Serbs insist that the Bulgarians have been beaten back at most points, especially in the Vranja region, where the invaders are trying to cut the Salonika-Nish railroad. The Bulgarian story is that an advance is being pushed everywhere. Occupation of the Vranja district and extensive progress in north-eastern Serbia are specifically mentioned in Sofia official reports.

The allies' chief worry is lest the Bulgarian attack cripple the Serbs in holding back the Austro-German drive, from Stumtschka, the southwestern Bulgarian town already in Franco-British hands. It is expected that an allied force will be pushed northward, threatening Sofia, the capital, so as to distract the Bulgars from their westward advance.

### Hope of Allies.

The allies' strongest hope is that the Serbs may succeed in delaying the Austro-Germans long enough to give the British, French, and Italians a free hand in operations against Constantinople.

The belief is growing that the allied plan is to strike eastward from Enos against the Turkish capital. For this movement there are railroad facilities, and while Turkish opposition is looked for, it is thought that severely threatened communication will render this opposition comparatively ineffective.

On the western front, it is surmised that a heavy German concentration in champagne and the Vosges, that a fresh drive is about to be attempted in these directions, otherwise there has been little change.

In the east, Germans are reported to have made important gains between Ichna and Evros, but along the rest of the line, south to the Bosphorus, the Russians are said to be on the offensive.

## Sanguinary Battle Is Raging on Ten-Mile Front Near Boundary

ATHENS, Oct. 19.—A bloody battle between Serbians and Bulgarians still rages today along the ten-mile front near the boundary between the Serbian towns of Vranja and Ristvo.

The line is about thirty-five miles within the Serb-Bulgarian confrontation, and two-thirds of the distance northward from the Serb-Greek frontier, along the Salonika-Nish railroad. The struggle is for possession of this line, which the Bulgars seek to cut as a means of delaying the allies' northward advance to the Serbian aid.

North of Vranja telegraphic communication is broken.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Capture of a long list of obscure villages a few miles inside the eastern and northern Serbian front was claimed today in an official Bulgarian report received from Sofia via Vienna and Berlin.